



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 220

Southern Idaho Bureau of Reclamation Repayment Act of 2007

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on January 31, 2007*

S. 220 would authorize any landowner within the A&B Irrigation District in Idaho to repay, at any time, the construction costs for federal water projects. CBO estimates that enacting S. 220 would have no significant impact on offsetting receipts, and would not affect revenues.

Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, CBO estimates that enacting this bill would increase offsetting receipts from the early repayment of construction costs in 2008 by \$285,000 if all of the landholders that could exercise this new authority decided to take advantage of it. Following any early repayments, the federal government would no longer receive payments of an equal amount over the 2009-2020 period. In addition, the federal government would lose about \$700,000 in receipts that it currently will receive from district landholders over the 2008-2020 period who pay full-cost rates, as opposed to subsidized rates. Once those same landholders prepay their share of allocated construction costs, they would start paying subsidized rates for water.

S. 220 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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